

REMARKS

In response to the office action mailed May 24, 2006, Applicant elects with traverse claims 1 – 7 and 20 – 24, directed to Group I, for further prosecution. Claims 8 – 14 and 25 – 29 directed to Group II and claims 15 – 19 directed to Group III are withdrawn. The election is made with traverse, since a search of the non-elected groups II and III would not place an undue burden on the examiner. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that the shortened statutory period for reply in the Office action is set to expire 3 months or thirty (30) days whichever is longer, from the mailing date of the communication. As the mailing date is 05/24/2006 and the response is filed before 10/24/2006, Applicant petitions for a TWO (2) month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR §1.134, which states:

§1.134 Time Period for reply to an office action

An Office action will notify the applicant of any non-statutory or shortened statutory time period set for replay to an Office action. Unless the applicant is notified in writing that a reply is required in less than six months, a maximum period of six months is allowed.

Should further extensions of time be required, applicant herewith petitions the Office to grant such extensions.

In view of the above remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

We believe that we have appropriately provided for fees due in connection with this submission. However, if there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Response,

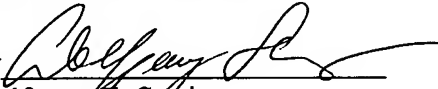
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Reply to Office Action of May 24, 2006

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please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. DIIF-P01-001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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